



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On February 19, Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) are encouraging Texans to complete the [Self Reporting Damage Survey](#) to help the state identify damages across Texas and help emergency management officials gain an understanding of damages that occurred during the recent winter weather. This data is also needed to provide information to FEMA and highlight the need for federal disaster assistance for individuals.

The voluntary survey, available in both English and Spanish, can be accessed by visiting: www.TDEM.texas.gov/warm. Reporting damage to the Texas Division of Emergency Management is a voluntary activity, is not a substitute for reporting damage to an insurance agency and does not guarantee disaster relief assistance.

"I urge Texans to fill out the Self Reporting Damage Survey and provide crucial information on the winter weather impacts to their home or property," said Governor Abbott. "The information gleaned from this survey will help our state identify the full impact of this winter weather and help emergency management better serve Texans."

On February 19, President Biden approved emergency declarations for Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, authorizing FEMA to provide emergency protective measures for mass care and sheltering and direct federal assistance. Governor Abbott

requested a major disaster declaration, which is under review. FEMA has moved water, blankets, shelf-stable meals, generators, and fuel to help states respond to this event.

On February 19, Governor Abbott provided an update on the state's ongoing response to winter weather events throughout the state. The Governor laid out four immediate priorities for the State of Texas, as well as what the state is doing to restore power and water and ensure that food and fuel demands are met throughout Texas.

The first immediate priority is continuing to restore power to Texas homes. While there are no longer any residential power outages due to lack of power generation, there are still some Texans without power due to downed lines or the need for manual reconnection. The Governor assured Texans without power that local providers are working diligently to restore electricity.

The second priority is supporting local officials as they work to restore water for Texans. Today, the Governor issued waivers to cut red tape to accelerate this process. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ), as of 5 PM today, is standing up a phone bank for local water utilities who are unable to get water testing at their contracted labs. This phone bank will connect local facilities with another lab that can test their water quickly. TCEQ has partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to stand up three mobile water testing labs. In addition, the state is partnering with local river authorities to use their water labs to assist locals with bacteria sampling. Texas has also partnered with the state of Arkansas to use their labs. Additionally, TCEQ is coordinating with larger local labs that have testing availability to assist smaller municipalities. The Governor noted that he held a call earlier today with the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) to discuss ways to quickly repair burst pipes for Texans across the state. As of noon today, over 320 plumbers have renewed their license, and TSBPE is coordinating with multiple out-of-state plumbing companies to send additional plumbers to Texas. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is continuing to deliver bottled water to communities facing water shortages or water quality issues. Over 1.7 million bottles of water have been delivered to communities across the state.

The third priority is ensuring Texans have the food and supplies they need. The Governor noted that he has already suspended some regulations relating to commercial vehicles, which will speed the delivery of food and other resources to communities across the state. The State is taking steps to open new fuel supply lines to ensure truckers, agriculture producers, emergency responders, and anyone

else that runs on diesel will be able to get food to stores and supplies to Texans in need. The Governor announced that he is allowing the use of off-road road diesel on Texas roads. Governor Abbott and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar are requesting fuel waivers from the EPA and the IRS to allow for the use of all forms of diesel on Texas roads to keep our truckers moving. As roads conditions continue to improve, more food and supplies will be delivered to grocery stores across the state.

The fourth priority is helping refineries get back up and running to provide Texans with the fuel they need. In addition to fuel regulation suspensions previously mentioned, the Governor spoke with oil and gas refineries earlier today to work on strategies to get their operations up and running again.

"Thanks to the efforts of linemen, plumbers, first responders, truckers, farmers, ranchers, grocery store workers, refinery workers, and more, we continue to make tremendous strides to overcome the challenges of the past week," said Governor Abbott. "We know that this past week has been challenging for far too many Texans. Our state agencies are working around the clock to restore power and water, and to ensure Texans have food and supplies. I want to reassure the people of Texas that we are using every tool at our disposal to help those in need. We have overcome challenges in the past, and we will overcome this challenge together."

On February 19, Attorney General Paxton issued Civil Investigative Demands (CIDs) to ERCOT and other power companies regarding power outages, emergency plans, energy pricing, and more related to this week's winter weather disaster. The large-scale failure of Texas power companies to withstand the winter storm left multiple millions of Texans without power and heat during lethal, record-low temperatures across the state.

"I'm using the full scope of my Constitutional powers to launch an investigation into ERCOT and other entities that grossly mishandled this week's extreme winter weather. While Texans pulled together to get their communities through this disaster, they were largely left in the dark," said Attorney General Paxton. "We will get to the bottom of this power failure and I will tirelessly pursue justice for Texans."

On February 18, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations from the Department of Motor Vehicles to aid in the response to winter weather and power outages throughout the state. The waivers issued by the Governor will allow commercial vehicles conducting responsive activities to travel in Texas as long as

the vehicle is registered elsewhere. They will also allow commercial vehicles conducting responsive activities not currently registered under the International Registration Plan to travel in Texas, so long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states in the U.S.

These waivers are helping increase the delivery of water, food, and other supplies to Texas communities dealing with power and water outages.

These suspensions are in addition to the oversize and overweight permitting waivers and the hours of service requirement waivers issued by Governor Abbott last Friday, which allows critical infrastructure, food, water, and supplies to travel on the state highway system to areas of need.

On February 18, Governor Abbott provided an update on the state's response to winter weather and power outages. As part of his update, the Governor declared a new emergency item for this legislative session. The Governor is asking the Legislature to mandate the winterization of Texas' power system and for the Legislature to ensure the necessary funding for winterization.

In addition, the Governor announced he is requesting a Major Disaster Declaration — which includes Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program — from the White House. This declaration will allow eligible Texans to apply for assistance to help address broken pipes and related property damage. The Governor previously requested a Federal Emergency Declaration from the White House which was granted on Sunday.

Power has been restored to nearly 2 million homes across Texas since yesterday's briefing. This number continues to climb, and there are no more outages due to a lack of generation. Every available repair truck in Texas has been dispatched to address downed power lines that are causing continued outages. Earlier today, the Governor held calls with power and water providers to develop strategies that will increase access to additional power, as well as restore water and expedite additional clean water in communities across the state.

The state is also working to distribute food, water, generators, and additional supplies to Texas communities. Additionally, more warming centers continue to be established every day. For winter weather resources, including a map of warming centers and ways to help Texans in need, visit: <https://open.texas.gov/winter>

On February 17, Governor Abbott provided an update on the state's response to severe winter weather conditions and power outages throughout the state. The Governor discussed the weather forecast, response efforts to assist Texans in need, water quality, and other issues affecting communities across the state.

The Governor discussed the current power situation in Texas and what the state is doing to get more Texans back online. There still remains about 10,000 megawatts (MW) that are off the power grid in Texas. About 6,000 MW have been added to the Texas grid over the past day, which is equivalent to power for about 1.2 million

households. In addition to the 6,000 MW restored to the grid, additional power generation from coal and other sources will continue to come online throughout Thursday. Small natural gas generators should sporadically add megawatts over the next 24 hours to help bring electricity to thousands of Texans. There are still challenges with all sources of generation, resulting from mechanical difficulties, gas supply issues, and the effects of extreme winter weather conditions.

The Governor has ordered natural gas producers not to export product out of state until February 21 and instead sell it to providers within Texas. The Governor also noted that he has been working closely with the White House to provide additional resources for Texans and expand the supply of the energy in the state. The Texas Railroad Commission has worked closely with the Public Utility Commission, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, and other state and local agencies to ensure that electricity and gas can swiftly be provided across the state.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) addressed water quality issues impacting communities across the state. TCEQ is working with water quality labs to ensure the safety of drinking water. TCEQ is also working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify other water quality labs in partnering states to provide additional assistance.

The Governor discussed the ways the state is dealing with plumbing challenges. The Texas Board of Plumbing Examiners can give provisional licenses to out-of-state plumbers to increase the response to burst pipes and flooding. The Governor will also issue a waiver that allows plumbers currently holding an expired license to assist with Texans in need following the storm through the waiving of certain fees and examination requirements.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd noted that many state agencies are continuing to work together to support local officials, first responders, and communities impacted by the weather. The Texas Department of Public Safety have transported fuel, blood, and other resources to hospitals and other essential facilities, and have responded to vehicle crashes throughout the state. Over 4,500 Texas Department of Transportation employees are operating over 740 snowplows and other equipment to address the ice on interstates throughout Texas. The Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are also assisting in the state's response.

TDEM has been assisting in the establishment of warming centers throughout the state. Over 300 warming centers are operational. For more information on warming centers and to find one near you, visit: <https://tdem.texas.gov/warm/>. TDEM is also working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to increase disaster resources for Texans impacted by the storm.

On February 15, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas is deploying maximum resources to local officials throughout the state to respond to severe

winter weather and to restore power to our communities. State agencies are sending resources and personnel to help local officials' clear roadways and to assist essential workers, such as healthcare professionals and power grid workers, in carrying out their essential duties.

Furthermore, Governor Abbott and the Texas Military Department have deployed the National Guard across Texas to conduct welfare checks and to assist local authorities in transitioning Texans in need to one of the 135 local warming centers that the state has helped establish across Texas.

On Sunday, Governor Abbott sought and received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Energy that allows Texas power generators to increase production. Unfortunately, some of those generators are unable to increase production at this time because their operations have been frozen by weather conditions. They are working to get their power production back on-line.

ERCOT's ability to provide power has been limited by the ability of private power generators of all sources, including natural gas, wind, and solar, to generate power for the grid. To avoid large scale blackouts and damage to the grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas began implementing outages to preserve the integrity of the power grid while the companies that generate power work to restore power generation.

On February 14, Governor Abbott announced that the White House has issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for Texas in response to the severe winter weather throughout the state (EM-3554-TX). The Governor submitted a request for this declaration on Saturday to assist the State in response efforts related to the storm.

This Federal Emergency Declaration authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide emergency protective measures for mass care and sheltering and Direct Federal Assistance for all 254 counties in Texas.

On February 13, Governor Abbott provided an update from the Alternate State Operations Center on the severe winter weather that is impacting the State of Texas. The Governor noted that snow and ice are expected throughout Texas for the next few days and ultra-low temperatures will linger throughout the upcoming week — meaning that many road closures and extremely dangerous conditions are expected. The Governor also announced that he will request a Federal Emergency Declaration from the White House to make additional resources available for communities impacted by this weather event.

The Governor addressed power and energy concerns on Monday and Tuesday. Power companies already have crews in place, and other states have deployed power crews to Texas to assist in potential power outages. The Texas Railroad Commission has suspended regulations to ensure churches, hospitals, residences, and other human resource facilities have access to gas throughout the winter

weather event. The State of Texas is asking Texans to begin conserving energy now to ensure power and energy are available early next week by unplugging devices when not in use, closing windows and blinds, and adjusting thermostats to 68 degrees or below. The Governor and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief also discussed the increased risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in such conditions and urged Texans to avoid heating their homes with ovens or stovetops and only use generators or grills outdoors and away from windows.

Local officials have established 34 warming centers in communities across the state and sent numerous vehicles, wreckers, ambulances, and personnel to assist in stranded motor operations and community support. Governor Abbott urged Texans to stay off the roads if they can and immediately call 800-525-5555 for roadside assistance if they become stranded on the road. The Texas Department of Public Safety has activated over 3,000 troopers that are working 24/7 to assist communities with their response. The Texas Military Department has also deployed Guardsmen to perform welfare checks in remote areas of the state.

On February 12, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration in all 254 counties in response to severe winter weather that is impacting Texas. The Governor is continuing to deploy state resources available to assist local officials in their response efforts and has ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to expand its daily operations to 24-hours a day through the end of next week.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

North Texas Municipal Water District requires a two-hour shutdown window before power is disrupted or it will produce major water main breaks across their operating system in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains and Rockwall Counties.

DDC 4A Hurst: (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

DDC 4A escalated to Level II. Road conditions are improving for now. The main issues are needs for water and fuel.

One Texas Military Department (TMD) District Coordinator (DC) will be assigned to DDC 4A.

Disaster Declarations were issued for Denton, Fort Worth, and Tarrant Counties, and the Cities of [Colleyville](#), Everman, Grapevine, [Pantego](#) and Watauga.

Boil water notices were issued for the Cities of Fort Worth, Haslet, and Lake Worth.

There are multiple power outages across the district.

Collin County: [City of Plano warming shelters have closed as of Friday February 19.](#)

Denton County: The City of Denton issued a boil water notice.

Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) are giving free rides to the City of Lewisville and City of Denton Warming Stations. [Due to power interruptions, A-train service is suspended and the University of North Texas Campus Shuttles will not operate on Saturday, February 20.](#)

Tarrant County: The Fort Worth water utility cannot supply water to the residents of the City of Lake Worth. The boil water notice is expected to last through Thursday, February 18.

The City of Haslet issued a disaster declaration on February 17.

The City of Lake Worth has opened a warming center at Lake Worth Baptist Church located at 4445 Hodgkin's Road.

[The boil water notice for the City of North Richland Hills has been lifted.](#)

City of Hurst: All non-essential city facilities will delay opening until 10:00 AM on Friday, February 19.

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

The DDEOC is activated at Level 1 with multiple state agency partners to handle power outage issues and numerous response needs. Most flights out of DFW International Airport and Dallas Love Field were canceled for the fifth day in a row with frigid temperatures and snowy roads wrecking air travel across Texas and the surrounding regions.

Power:

- Yesterday, ERCOT directed Oncor and other utilities to begin restoring power previously dropped from the electric grid. As a result of the increased generation and stable demand, Oncor has since been able to cease controlled, or rotating, outages. As of this morning, 35,082 were reported to be out of power. This number has significantly reduced overnight. Some of these are a result of damage from yesterday's winter storm, previous winter weather and storm damage that could not be identified until equipment was re-energized, and damage to electric equipment caused by record-breaking low temperatures. Oncor personnel will be working 24/7 to restore power to remaining customers.
- Critical facility and shelter lists were submitted to the SOC for inclusion in the State Warming Center Map and for PUC/ERCOT prioritization consideration.
- As of this morning it has been reported that major cell phone companies are experiencing cell phone tower outages due to fuel shortages.
- Numerous businesses have experienced significant water damage from frozen and burst domestic and fire sprinkler water lines.
- Grocery stores shelves are empty due to not being able to receive additional products.
- Emergency crews have responded to numerous public assists where there has been significant water damage due to burst domestic water lines, ceiling collapse, and gas leaks.
- North Texas Municipal Water District has significant demand issues that are affecting pressure

Collin County: Republic Services has canceled all trash services for the Town of Fairview through Monday, February 22. The City of Princeton rescinded their Boil Water Notice on February 18.

Dallas County: The Dallas County Judge issued a disaster declaration and an executive order on February 15.

The City of Glen Heights issued a disaster declaration on February 15.

Criswell College in the City of Dallas will be closed Wednesday, February 17.

The City of University Park issued a boil water notice.

Navarro County: Navarro County / City of Corsicana Water System issued a Boil Water Notice.

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Communities are still recovering from power loss due to unplanned outages and rolling blackouts. Warming centers and shelters are being established throughout

district in response to power loss. Water supply has been interrupted for several communities due to pumps freezing. All roadways are being affected and most businesses, schools, and government offices are closed.

Bowie County: I-30 westbound was closed at mile marker 197 due to a collision.

Delta County: A power restoration priority is at City of Cooper Water Distribution Plant for a power outage that has completely disrupted the water supply within the city.

The Civic Center Warming Center will be closing at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 19. Food Pantry will be hosting a food giveaway for individuals and families at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 20.

Hopkins County: Hopkins County EMS AMBUS is in the process of relocating residents from the Birchwood Manor Nursing Facility to the Rock Creek Nursing Facility in Sulphur Springs. Cooper Fire Department and Delta County Sheriff's Office are assisting.

Lamar County: Lamar County has opened four warming centers. There is a critical water level in the storage tank in the City of Paris due to the power outage.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Widespread impact of snowfall and sleet covering area. Increased amounts of accumulations of snow and ice have affected roadways and electrical power in the area. Increased amounts of ice and snow accumulation could result in major power outages and disruption of trade.

- Cities of Athens and Palestine submitted Disaster Declarations
- Henderson County 911 system experiencing outages.
- UTNE Hospital on US 271 N – water outages/low pressure outages. Evacuated 19 critical patients via AMBUS.
- Multiple jurisdictions having water pump issues causing outages for customers.

Multiple Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Long Term Care facilities experiencing electrical outages for over 48 hours.

TxDOT is working to treat major roadways and has implemented a 24-hour operation schedule.

I-20 traffic stopped again eastbound from Gregg County line to FM 14 due to icing on inclines and TTSTs running out of fuel.

Multiple boil water notices were issued in Cities and Counties across the district. Cities of Malakoff, Crescent Heights, Trinidad, East Cedar Creek, and Chandler are in need of generators due to their water supplies being not operable.

Anderson County: Customers of Slocum Water supply Corporation were notified of a Boil Water Notice.

Gregg County: The City of Kilgore issued a boil water notice.

Henderson County: Henderson County issued a disaster declaration on February 14. The City of Chandler and the City of Athens issued boil water notices.

There is concern of patients being released from hospitals having no electricity for medical needs and equipment in the City of Athens. The 911 calling system is down.

Smith County: Oncor was able to restore continuous power this afternoon to the Lake Palestine pump station in the City of Tyler and is preparing for treatment, which is expected to take 12 hours to complete the process and pump the treated water into the city's main lines.

The City of Whitehouse issued a disaster declaration on February 15.

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

The district is experiencing widespread water system outages or decreased pressure. Potable water resource requests are drastically exceeding availability.

Cooke County: The City of Gainesville issued a disaster declaration on February 15.

Fannin County: Power disruptions have created an issue with the county and City of Bonhams PSAPS, 911 services, and cell phone communications.

Grayson County: Texoma Medical Center in the City of Denison will have to evacuate 288 patients if the water supply is not resolved in 24 hours.

Greater than 50% of the county residents are in either a complete outage or boil water advisory.

The City of Tom Bean issued a boil water notice. [Tom Bean ISD will be closed on Monday, February 22.](#)

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

A Winter Storm Warning is in effect from midnight Tuesday night until 6:00 AM Thursday. Hard Freeze Watch is in effect for Thursday night/Friday morning.

Most of the ISDs in the district have cancelled classes for Thursday and some of them have cancelled classes for Friday too.

Caldwell ISD is closed and will move to virtual instruction on Thursday. Navasota ISD is closed and will move to virtual instruction on Friday.

All county offices will be closed on Wednesday, February 17 in Burleson and Grimes Counties. All offices will be closed on Wednesday, February 17 in the City of Brenham.

Madison County: North Zulch MUD is suspending water service to all customers until further notice in Madison County starting at 7:00 PM February 17.

The City of Madisonville issued a boil water notice.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

[A Hard Freeze Warning remains in effect until 10:00 AM on February 20. Continued disruptions to water flow and supply.](#)

Angelina County: Hudson ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

[Hudson Water Supply wells are up and running, but the City of Hudson still requests residents to boil their water.](#)

Houston County: Grapeland ISD will be closed on February 16.

Jasper County: Jasper ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Newton County: Newton ISD will be closed on February 15-16. Burkeville ISD and Deweyville ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Newton County will be opening a warming center at the Iris and Ann Howard Civic Center located at 213 East Court Street in Newton, beginning at noon Monday and ending at noon on Wednesday. Red Cross will be sending support staff.

Polk County: [The boil water notice in the City of Livingston has been rescinded.](#)

San Jacinto County: Coldspring ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Shelby County: Center ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Tyler County: Tyler County issued a disaster declaration on February 14. Five ISDs in Tyler County will be closed on February 15-19.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

DDC continues to monitor weather conditions.

Jefferson County: The City of Port Neches is experiencing a decrease in system-wide water pressure. A boil water notice was issued.

The City of Nederland issued a boil water notice. [Nederland Water System is making more progress. Rather than dripping faucets, City crews can shut off the water supply to customers' homes or businesses to conserve water.](#)

The City of Groves has requested the state to provide one 18-wheeler trailer of palatized water to be distributed to their residents, due to the failure of their water system.

The City of Port Arthur issued a boil water notice.

Orange County: Orange County issued a disaster declaration on February 14. The City of Bridge City issued a disaster declaration on February 14.

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

Harris County: Harris County has activated the EOC to Level 1. Houston Office of Emergency Management is also activated to Level 1. The City of Seabrook issued a boil water notice.

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) [moved to Level 3 – Increased Readiness in response to the February 2021 Winter Weather Event at 3:00 PM on Friday, February 19.](#)

[Winter weather has subsided and the region will see gradual warming over the next seven days. The focus of HCOHSEM will shift to recovery. A public survey intended](#)

to allow residents to self-report damage to homes and businesses is available at the ReadyHarris website to help create an accurate damage picture.

The Emergency Operations Center will remain activated daily from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM beginning Saturday, February 20. Only partners involved in aspects of community recovery have been asked to work from Houston TranStar at this time. Additional agencies may be requested as the full extent of recovery needs becomes known.

The Seabrook-Kemah Bridge in the City of Seabrook is open and the city is starting to see power return. The Seabrook water system is still seeing critically low levels due to busted pipes and leaks throughout the city. The City is still under a boil water notice. The city's phone lines have been restored. Waste Management will resume service on Thursday, February 18, but the city offices will stay closed until Monday, February 22.

City of La Porte: City of La Porte offices were closed Thursday, February 18. While water pressure has improved throughout the city, the Boil Water Notice remains in effect. Residents were asked to cease dripping their faucets while temperatures are above freezing. This is critical to water recovery and to maintain firefighting capabilities. As of Thursday morning, power has been restored to most of the city. The city is asking all residents to continue to conserve power and water as much as possible, while these systems continue to recover.

The City is working with the County and surrounding Cities to assess reopening roadways, including SH225 and SH146. As of 8:30 AM Thursday, the Fairmont Pkwy overpass has been reopened in both directions. We will provide additional updates on road closures on social media and the City's website. Follow the La Porte Office of Emergency Management on social media or visit LaPorteTX.gov for more information.

City of West University Place: The City of West University Place will open shower facilities at the Recreation Center, 4210 Bellaire Blvd., during operational hours. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, residents are to call 713-662-7420 to make a reservation. Due to limited shower facilities, residents without a reservation will not be permitted to use the facilities. The Recreation Center will be open Friday from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM for this service.

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Brazoria County: The City of Clute issued a disaster declaration on February 12.

A boil water notice was issued in the City of Pearland and the City of Holiday Lakes.

The City of Richwood is now pumping water, but the boil water notice is still active. City Hall will remain closed.

Galveston County: The City of Dickinson issued a disaster declaration on February 14.

The Salvation Army in the City of Galveston is open for up to 62 people during the upcoming cold weather. The shelter will shift from emergency overnight only to 24-hour operations. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed, and screening for entry will take place at the facility.

The Galveston National Laboratory has requested the state to provide 1,000 gallons of reverse osmosis (RO) water to ensure the health and safety of the research animals in the lab where COVID research is being conducted.

Galveston County Jail has requested the state to provide 100 pallets of bottled water, 1,000-2,000 gallons of potable water to provide for the cooking of food for the inmates and staff, and 2,000-4,000 gallons of non-potable water for the sanitation of inmates, due to the failure of their water system.

[The boil water notice for the City of Friendswood is still in effect.](#) The Library will be open Thursday as a Warming Facility from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The library will return to normal operations Friday, February 19.

[The City of La Marque issued a boil water notice.](#)

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Waller, Walker Counties)

Montgomery County: The City of Magnolia issued a boil water notice.

[The City of Conroe issued a disaster declaration on February 19.](#)

[There will be a bottled water distribution center set up at Magnolia City Hall at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 20.](#)

Walker County: Walker County issued a Disaster Declaration for Severe Winter Weather on Friday, February 12. Warming Shelter opened at the Walker County Storm Shelter in Huntsville.

Walker County has requested the state provide four 18-wheeler trailer loads of palletized water due to the loss of their water supply in Huntsville and Riverside. The bottled water is needed by the Huntsville residents, the Huntsville Memorial Hospital for patients and staff and the United Methodist Church for Riverside residents due to their failed water system.

DC 16D – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties)

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 16D has activated to a Level I Virtual (Emergency Conditions)

Major roads, bridges, overpasses remain hazardous to travel. Schools, colleges, are closed until further notice. Airports within the district resumed normal operations Friday, February 19.

Boil Water and Water Low Pressure Warnings are issued for the following:

- Austin County – Cities of Bellville, Sealy and Wallis
- Colorado County – Cities of Columbus and Weimar; Unincorporated Areas of Garwood and Glidden
- Fort Bend County - Big Oaks MUD, Chelford City MUD, Cinco Southwest MUD #1, Cinco Southwest MUD #2, Cinco Southwest MUD #3, Cinco Southwest MUD #4, City of Fulshear, City of Katy– Greatwood, City of Orchard, FBC MUD # 13, FBC MUD #165, FBC MUD #50, Fondren Rd, Fort Bend County, Fort Bend County Improvement District #24, Fort Bend County MUD #118, Fort Bend County MUD #143, Fort Bend County MUD #146, Fort Bend County MUD #156, Fort Bend County MUD #190, Fort Bend County MUD #192, Fort Bend County MUD #194, Fort Bend County MUD #2, Fort Bend County MUD #57, Fort Bend County MUD #58, Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District 34, Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District 41, Fort Bend County WCID #2 Stafford, FWSD #2, Grand Lakes MUD #1, Grand Lakes MUD #2, Grand Lakes MUD #4, Grand Mission MUD #1, Grand Mission MUD #2, Sugarland - Greatwood and Greatwood Lakes ONLY, Harris County MUD #122, Harris County WCID, Harris Fort Bend MUD #1, Harris/Fort Bend MUD #5, Mission Bend MUD #1, Mission Bend MUD #2, Palmer Plantation MUD #1, Palmer Plantation MUD #2, Quail Valley Utility Districts, Rio Brazos & Four Corners , The City of Pearland, Thunderbird Utility District and Waterview Estates Subdivision
- Matagorda County – Cities of Bay City and Palacios, Camelot Forest Water System
- Wharton County – Unincorporated area of Boling

City of Pearland boil water notice/low water pressure at the Shadow Creek Ranch Water Production facility and loss of power at the Alice Water Production facility.

All schools, colleges, are closed until further notice.

Wharton County: There were two multi-vehicle collisions on US 59 near the City of El Campo.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties)

All COVID-19 Testing has been canceled until Sunday February 21 due to the weather, will re-evaluate then, based on the severity of the next cold weather front coming in.

DDC 19 Increased the readiness level to level II on Sunday, February 14. TxDOT continues to spread brine on bridges in Webb, Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata Counties. TxDOT has started treating tier 1 and tier 2 roads and bridges during both day and night operations. The use of brine water, aggregate/sand and MgCl will be used to pre-treat as needed. Work crews will continue to monitor roads after pretreatment and report any changing road conditions to DriveTexas.org to advise the traveling public. TxDOT will continue pretreatment and reapplying brine solution to major corridors and elevated structures to prevent ice accumulation. Laredo International Airport is open, scheduled flights are canceled.

Approximately 2,067 customers without power in the following counties of Zapata, Webb, Starr, and Jim Hogg

Starr County: City of La Grulla has issued a boil water notice.

City of Roma has issued a boil water notice and a disaster declaration.

Starr County: Rio Grande City water plant is on generator power.

Webb County: Laredo Medical Center is still having intermittent issues with both power and low water pressure.

Zapata County: The City of Zapata water plants are on generator power. City of Zapata landlines are down due to the power outage in the county.

Zapata County has issued a boil water notice.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 has moved from a Level III to a Level II (virtual) escalated response conditions beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 13.

Aransas County: A shelter was opened at the Fulton Fire Department and the Fulton Community Church.

The City of Rockport issued a boil water notice.

Bee County: The City of Beeville has issued a boil water notice.

Brooks County: A warming center was opened at 100 Jersey Lane, Falfurrias, TX.

Jim Wells County: Jim Wells County Judge Juan Rodriguez and the Office of Emergency Management continue to work with TDEM representatives as well as local city and county officials to get resources back up and running. The County made requests to the state for potable drinking water and generators for city water departments.

City of Alice: The City of Alice is without Power. There is one Nursing Home and one Senior center that currently do not have HVAC capabilities. Alice EOM is coordinating additional generators to power HVAC systems at these locations. DSHS and Local Health Authority is assisting.

City of Orange Grove: A boil water notice was issued.

City of Premont: No electricity in the town but able to utilize one water well with the generator. There were issues yesterday with the Lift station and numerous water pipes busting throughout the city.

Kleberg County: Kleberg County Emergency Crews are on standby for anyone in distress.

The City of Ricardo is without water.

The City of Kingsville's water system is operating at 100%. The City of Kingsville is assisting the City of Ricardo and STWA with a means to supply potable water to Ricardo. Both the North and South Wastewater Treatment plants are up and operational.

Live Oak County: Live Oak Nursing Home is on 100% generator power as of February 16. Power was restored to the area today, but we will remain on generator till Stat Power Grid is more reliable. George West City service is working on restoring the water and sewer systems. They also issued a boil water notice. Lagarto Community is without power to local water distribution. Three Rivers issued boil water notice due to chlorine injection system freezing up. Live Oak County Jail is managing on bottled water and skid-a-cans, due to no George West City services. The Jail has pressurized type toilets and will need full operating pressure to function correctly. George West is providing bottled water until local supplies run out. Local bottled water supplies to local markets are out of stock, shipments are due Thursday and Friday, if trucking allows. El Oso Water System which distributes, to Northern Live Oak County rural areas, issued a water outage to customers as of 3PM on February 16. Valero Refinery Three Rivers is down due to mechanical issues from freezing weather. Local motels are full in Three Rivers, due to citizens sheltering from other parts of the county.

Nueces County: Nueces County EOC has fully activated for this winter event. Most EOC members will be remotely operating. Nueces County is in communication with City of Corpus Christi on all warming center and shelter options. Working with

Robstown and the Western cities of Agua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll, and Petronila. Nueces County is declaring a local state of emergency which is in progress as well as anticipate closing Nueces County buildings through Tuesday. Nueces County Courthouse will remain closed Thursday due to severe winter weather. Many county services are now available online but may be impacted due to electrical outages at the homes of county employees who are unable to work remotely.

City of Corpus Christi: The City of Corpus Christi, in partnership with the American Red Cross, Mother Teresa Shelter, and the Gulf Coast Humane Society, has activated a Short-Term Shelter at the American Bank Center (ABC). The shelter opened last night had 39 guests stay overnight. Pets belonging to guests were transferred to the humane society. The city has coordinated with a group to do outreach for today notifying homeless of the temporary shelter at the ABC. They have teams distributing warm clothes and blankets at these sites. Salvation Army is also housing guests at their facility, at this time they are at capacity. If someone shows up at the Salvation Army, the City will be notified and arrange for transportation to the ABC.

[The City of Corpus Christi rescinded their boil water notice on February 20.](#)

The City also is working on an operational plan to offer daytime warming centers within the city limits.

Additionally, the City has engaged numerous state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Transportation, the Port of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, AEP of Texas, the Corpus Christi Council of Governments, the Downtown Management District, Christus Spohn, the Robstown Fire Department, and the American Red Cross.

Residents who receive water from Nueces Water Supply Corporation Salvadura station between Banquete and Agua Dulce must boil water. Public Water System customers located in Calallen, Corpus Christi, and Flour Bluff are also on a boil water notice. Padre Island customers also on a boil water notice.

The City of Corpus Christi will remain closed along with most city offices including City Hall, Development Services, Public Libraries, and Senior Centers on Thursday, February 18. The Municipal Court will be closed, and all hearings scheduled for Wednesday were canceled.

City crews are beginning to systematically move through the city to determine the location of a compromised water main. Water customers can expect to experience intermittent and disruptive water service as crews work from the northwest corner of the city toward the west.

[The FEMA Dome short-term shelters at Del Mar College and Calallen will both be closed at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 20.](#)

Water Utilities staff are encouraging public water systems (PWS) in Texas to send or drop off their water samples at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant. Laboratory technicians will provide the bacteriological testing necessary for water utilities throughout the area to be able to rescind their boil water notices. Testing will be provided at no charge.

Beginning Monday, February 22, the Customer Service Call Center will return to its regular hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Port of Corpus Christi: Coordinating with TxDOT to ensure Joe Fulton International Corridor bridge remains pretreated to prevent ice. City of Corpus Christi has provided signage and will assist with responding to bridge as needed if ice accumulation is detected. Port PD will closely monitor. Port EM continues to share weather updates with port users and is monitoring stakeholder operational concerns accordingly. The Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots have stopped boarding vessels due to Gale Force Winds and Record Low Temperatures. This Applies to all areas of the Ship Channel.

Refugio County: A shelter was activated at the FEMA Dome at 702 Lock Street, Woodsboro, TX.

San Patricio County: Ingleside on the Bay will be on a boil water notice until cleared by TCEQ. Water issues developed due to electric grid system outages. Generators have been put in place and tanks are being filled.

Water service has been temporarily restored in the City of Mathis, but the water still needs to be boiled for consumption.

City of Aransas Pass: All known city leaks have been repaired and pressure remains steady. The City does not plan to shut the water off anymore. The boil water notice remains in effect city-wide.

Over 600 cases of water will be handed out with LNF Distributors at the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce starting at 10:00 AM.

San Patricia Municipal Water have shut water off to the City due to a break on their line. Residents may experience water pressure issues or temporary loss.

Aransas Pass Public Works has established a water filling station on Yoakum Street behind the old hospital. The is not potable until boiled. Harbor Bridge is now open. The City will be turning off water tonight starting at 10:00 PM and should be turned back on early morning after storage tanks fill up.

City of Mathis: Currently without power and water.

A release of chlorine from a one-ton above ground storage tank due to weather conditions was reported in the City of Mathis. There were no evacuations, but two employees did shelter in place. It is unknown if there is any offsite impact.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

Cameron County: Brownsville ISD, Harlingen CISD, IDEA Regio Grande Valley, La Feria ISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito CISD, Santa Maria ISD, Santa Rosa ISD and Los Fresnos CISD are closed until Monday, February 22.

The Cities of Harlingen and South Padre Island and Cameron County submitted a Disaster Declaration.

East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation and Laguna Madre Water District issued boil water notices.

On-going interruption of electrical and water services continue to impact several jurisdictions within Cameron County. Local emergency management offices are working locally with VOAD and vendors and to assist with their current unmet needs.

AEP and Magic Valley Electric COOP are working with impacted jurisdictions with status updates on potential outages and restoration of services.

City of Port Isabel submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Hidalgo County: Donna ISD, Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Donna ISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, McAllen ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Monte Alto ISD, PJSA ISD, Sharyland ISD, South Texas ISD, Valley View ISD and Weslaco ISD will be closed until Monday, February 22.

The Cities of Edinburg and Alamo issued boil water notices. Sharyland Water Supply, Military Highway Water Supply Corporation, and North Alamo Water Supply issued boil water notices.

Hidalgo County and the City of Mercedes submitted disaster declarations.

On-going interruption of electrical and water services continue to impact several jurisdictions within Hidalgo County. Local emergency management offices are working locally with VOAD and vendors and to assist with their current unmet needs.

AEP and Magic Valley Electric COOP are working with impacted jurisdictions with status updates on potential outages and restoration of services.

City of Elsa submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Willacy County: Lasara ISD, Lyford ISD, Raymondville ISD, and San Perlita ISD will be closed until Monday, February 22.

On-going interruption of electrical and water services continue to impact several jurisdictions within Hidalgo County. Local emergency management offices are working locally with VOAD and vendors and to assist with their current unmet needs.

AEP and Magic Valley Electric COOP are working with impacted jurisdictions with status updates on potential outages and restoration of services.

DDC 24 Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

All school districts within DDC-24 closed.

Del Rio International Airport closed; ILS/AWS inoperable.

DDC 24 will remain at Level III, Increased Readiness. DDC 24 is not anticipated to be activated.

Dimmit County: Power outage in parts of Asherton and Big Wells. Carrizo Water Department is addressing lack of water in parts of the city. [Water and electricity up \(Asherton/Carrizo\)](#) Gas and plumbing supplies shortages. Hospital staff limited, ER up. Other staff/departments home due to travel conditions.

Edwards County: Rocksprings ISD is cancelling their staff development for teachers Friday. [Students are not expected to return to school until Tuesday.](#) Will not have power restored till Sunday afternoon. Still no water, fuel, or propane. County has fuel in their tanks for emergency vehicles, but they are working on getting a generator to be able to pump fuel.

La Salle County: Half of La Salle County is reported without electricity, along with the La Salle County EOC area. The Sheriff's Office Communications generator is not functioning, crews are working to restore it; presently working at the EOC which is under generator. [City of Encinal has no water.](#) [La Salle County Regional Detention center is housing 427 inmates, without potable water.](#) [Cotulla on Boil Water Notice.](#)

Maverick County: Maverick County/City of Eagle Pass have opened a shelter at the EP Multi-Purpose Center, 480 S. Adams, Eagle Pass, TX. Eagle Pass ISD has cancelled all remote learning due to power outages. [Eagle pass and Quemado currently boil water advisory.](#)

Real County: City of Camp Wood is on its 6th day with no electricity no water no fuel. Nursing home in Camp Wood has electricity but no water. Leakey on Boil Water Notice.

Uvalde County: City of Uvalde on Boil Water Notice.

Val Verde County: The Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd, has been made available as a warming shelter; it is operational. [Del Rio on Boil Water Notice.](#)

Zavala County: There has been loss of electricity in some parts of the county and city, affecting Housing Authority. [Electricity power & water up For Crystal City, La Pryor, and Batesville.](#) HEB and other smaller stores were out of various drinks and food items. The Home of Living Church - warm center, 616 E. Val Verde Street, in Crystal City remains in operation.

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas: No report currently.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 8 El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties)

Numerous jurisdictions in DDC08 are still without power from the rolling brownouts. The majority of Marfa in Presidio County has been without power since Monday at 4am. The portion of town that has power is where the school is located which is being utilized as a warming center but all fueling stations, grocery stores, Court House, Fire and Sheriff's Office continue to be without power. Residents are having issues in getting fuel and food due to the power outage. Jeff Davis County is also having the same issue with fuel and grocery stores. TxDOT is supplying non-potable water for emergency use and to provide water to livestock due to lack of power and generators in Jeff Davis County. Brewster County also has areas specifically in Alpine that have not had power since 4am Monday. Currently there is one fueling station with fuel, one that is out and another one that cannot dispense fuel due to lack of electricity.

Culberson County: The mayor from the City of Van Horn received a call that the Natural Gas Transmission into the city is going to be stopped until further notice due to a shortage at the West Texas Gas Company.

DDC 9 Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland and Winkler Counties):

The Salvation Army and at least one local non-profit is operating warming shelters. If the situation worsens and they need to set up a shelter the Red Cross has offered

logistical support. Team Rubicon has offered manpower. Multiple day cares across the district are closed. The City offices of Andrews, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa will have delayed openings. The offices of Ector and Midland Counties are closed. [There are 24 schools and colleges that are closed/delayed or have moved to virtual instruction.](#) Midland County is opening a warming shelter at the Horseshoe Arena located at 2514 Arena Trail in Midland. The warming shelter will be open until 5pm daily. Midland Memorial Hospital is experiencing low water pressure due to a broken main. Midland County Jail is out of water due to broken water main. Palletized water is being taken to the jail for use. Midland County will be submitting a STAR request for bottled water.

Ector County: The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Permian Basin campus in the City of Odessa will delay opening until 10:00 AM on Friday, February 19.

Gaines County: All AT&T phones are down in Gaines County. Anyone needing to reach the Sheriff's office, including 911 calls, will need to dial direct at (432) 999-0373.

Howard County: The City of Big Spring submitted a disaster declaration on February 13.

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

The warming center at the First Baptist Church in Junction remains open. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) continues to run sand trucks and plows.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 Amarillo: DDEOC 1 Amarillo has lowered its activation level for winter weather to Level III (increased readiness) as most of the snow has moved out of the area and the roadways are beginning to clear. Power outages in the area remain below 100. The DDC will remain in contact with state and local partners.

Childress County: Childress County and the City of Childress have implemented a cook or drink order to their residents to slow the use of water. Numerous leaks in the town due to days without power have caused the supply to rapidly decrease.

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum Counties)

Most roadways have been cleared of snow but remain hazardous due to icy conditions. All roads are open currently. Airport remains open but several flights have been canceled.

Most schools are closed/delayed or moving to virtual instruction on Friday, February 19.

DDC 2 Lubbock has returned to Level IV, Normal Conditions for the winter weather incident.

Lubbock County: The City of Lubbock issued a disaster declaration on February 19.

Yoakum County: The City of Yoakum Emergency Management Office has advised that the City water system is struggling to stay at pressure due to weather conditions. Crews are on duty 24-7 watching their wells, tanks and pumps. The public can help the system by limiting their personal use, turning off faucets as soon as the freeze risk is over, typically 30 degrees and rising, and call City utilities to turn off service if property plumbing is leaking.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young Counties)

Clear skies and sunshine with temperatures close to 40 degrees helped bring some thawing on Friday. After one more night of below normal lows (around 20 degrees) an even warmer day of sunshine around 44 degrees for a high is forecasted. Thawing is expected to continue. Early Saturday morning travelers should use caution as refreezing of melted areas can produce frozen patches of ice on roadways especially on bridges and overpasses.

- 3 Assisted Living Facilities/Long Term Care Facilities are without power and on generator backup. Limited areas have heat in the buildings. 5 additional facilities have had fire sprinkler systems fail with the cold temperatures and the staff are on fire watch as added duties. 1 Nursing Home Facility lost power today and had no heat on generator backup. 19 vulnerable/special needs residents were transferred to the local hospital for care until conditions stabilize. 22 other residents were able to shelter in place and power was restored to the facility this afternoon. Extra bedding and cots were provided from the North Texas Hospital Care Coalition and delivered by Texas A&M Forest Service.
- All Long-Term Care and Assisted Living facilities regained power and are working any plumbing issues they may have had. Grace Care Center of Nocona will be admitting 38 residents from a facility in Gainesville that suffered damage due to the winter weather. Residents have been sheltering in place at North Texas Community College. In support of those transfers the Care Center has requested five cots, blankets and pillows from the North Texas Hospital Care Coalition to be delivered Friday, February 19.
- Texas Military Department assisted with shuttling vulnerable residents without transportation to local warming centers and delivery of discharge patients and critical medical supplies from the main tertiary hospital to residents homes in need.

- TxDOT will be assisting with escort and road treatment for a critical load of hydrogen gas from Grand Prairie to Brazos Electric Power Plant in Jack County tomorrow for continuity of power generation.
- Jack County Rural Fire Department and a Potable water contractor worked to shuttle loads of demineralized water to Brazos Electric Power Plant to keep continuity of power generation.
- Continued damage and outages to water distribution and waste water systems are likely to occur until electrical power can be fully restored and temperatures begin to climb.
- If water distribution cannot come online in the coming days many cities will possibly need Points of Dispensing for drinking water.
- Multiple issues with water distribution systems have occurred or is occurring for the City of Archer City, City of Petrolia, Sunset Community, City of Bowie, City of Saint Jo, Young County Water, and City of Quanah.

Archer County: Archer City ran out of water reserves and have been out of power since Monday. Archer County Sheriff's Office transferred all inmates from the County jail to Clay County's jail.

Clay County: Water reserves were depleting from the water tower due to a leaking water line, which is being repaired.

The City of Petrolia lost their water tower storage capability on Tuesday. A boil water notice was issued.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Taylor Counties)

Temperatures are in the single digits and teens across the district with winds less than 10 mph and wind chills as low as -4. Temperatures are expected to rise above freezing today, for the first time since February 9. Roads continue to be hazardous in many locations but have greatly improved over all; traffic continues to flow along IH-20 and there are no road closures. Power and water outages continue to be major concerns.

- Many communications systems have been impacted but repairs are under way and most cellular and radio systems have been restored.
- Water and Wastewater Systems: Many water and wastewater systems were without power for extended periods, allowing portions to freeze to the point that the systems were inoperative, or slow to recover after power restoration. Some systems have been able to restore limited service. Systems reported to be under a Boil Water Notice: Abilene, Bangs, Callahan County, Coleman, Eastland, Hawley, Merkel, Stamford, and Zephyr.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 11 – Waco (Includes: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)

Falls County: City of Marlin Water Treatment Plant remains out of service due to a 10-inch pipe rupture. A boil water notice is in effect until lifted by TCEQ.

Freestone County: The City of Fairfield issued a boil water notice. [The City of Fairfield Submitted Local Disaster Declaration.](#)

Hill County: Hill County Courthouse received severe water damage due to frozen pipe rupture. Hill County submitted a disaster declaration on February 12.

The City of Whitney issued a boil water notice.

Limestone County: The City of Mexia water supply remains under a Boil Water Notice due to a storm related water treatment plant malfunction. [The City of Mexia has requested a PWRT to assist in restoring water supply.](#)

[The City of Tehuacana announced that they have attached an old, out of use water well to the city's water lines, but this is non-potable water and should not be consumed. This water should be used for flushing toilets and the like.](#)

McLennan County: There are two open warming centers in Waco/McLennan County. TTST crash damaged electrical service line on SH-6 and Del Mar Ranch Road. Power is out for about 285 meters. City of Mart Water Treatment Plant out of service due to loss of power. The Community of Axtell remains without water. [The City of Bruceville-Eddy issued a disaster declaration. City of Waco issued a water conservation mandatory order.](#)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

Gasoline and diesel deliveries may be suspended for a few days in Central Texas due to the inclement weather. The following loading racks will be affected: Buda (ethanol), Mustang Ridge (gas/diesel), Cedar Creek (jet fuel), Johnny Morris Rd in Austin (gas/diesel), and Taylor (gas).

Bastrop County: The EOC has been communicating with County and TxDOT road crews throughout the day on a patch directly. The Emergency Communications Center is staffed up and staying overnight at the Communications Center.

The water plant is on the verge of shutting down. Water and generators were requested from the state.

All schools in the County are closed. Most residents are without water. The County office is closed.

Blanco County: Blanco County submitted a disaster declaration. There is no gas at the gas stations, no hotels available, and water in Blanco is frozen.

Schools are closed for the week, county offices are closed, and warming shelters are closed. The City of Blanco issued a boil water notice.

Burnet County: City of Marble Falls activated its EOC at Level II to monitor conditions and prepare to respond to the winter weather. The EOC is virtual and will not be activated overnight. City of Marble Falls submitted a disaster declaration and letter to the Governor on February 15. Kingsland Hills Nursing Home is on backup power that does not operate the heating system. They have 48 patients and only three portable heaters. Windchimes, an Assisted Living Center, has 32 patients and does not have power and does not have a backup generator. No heaters are available and all resources have been exhausted. Power is out at the Sunrise Beach Water Plant conserving water until power is restored. Marble Falls opening warming centers.

The water main for all of Cottonwood is frozen. All schools will be closed, all city and county offices will be closed.

Caldwell County: State Hwy 21 through Mustang Ridge was closed by Mustang Ridge Police Department, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, and TXDPS due to icing.

All schools are closed. Critical power outage causing all emergency 911/dispatch to be down. There was a major water main break in the Cities of Lockhart and Luling.

Fayette County: Virtual EOC was established. City and County offices will remain closed. No power in most of the County.

US-77 is closed at Colorado River south of La Grange. All schools are closed. Schulenburg has no water.

Gillespie County: Gillespie and Llano Counties have contacted AT&T to resolve an outage with a Gillespie cell tower. Work is in progress.

Hays County: The City of San Marcos issued a disaster declaration on February 13.

All schools will be closed Wednesday. Boil water notices were issued for the Cities of Buda and Kyle.

Lee County: Dime Box, Giddings, and Lexington ISDs are closed on Wednesday.

Warming station is set up at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The City of Giddings and Lee County issued boil water notices.

Llano County: Buchanan Dam has no power. The City of Cottonwood has no water. RM 965 is closed due to power lines over the roadway. 90% of the City of Kingsland is without power.

Travis County: Travis County issued a disaster declaration on February 14. City of Austin: Issued a disaster declaration on February 14 and activated its cold-weather and shelter plan.

City of Pflugerville issued a boil water notice.

St. David's Medical Center in the City of Austin is experiencing loss of water pressure and heat. Water trucks were sent to assist. Just under 300 patients are being transferred or discharged.

The City of Austin issued a boil water notice following the power outage at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant.

Hwy 183A is closed. SH 71 from Colorado River to Toll 130 is closed. Multiple school closures and hospitals without water.

Williamson County: The Williamson County EOC activated at Level II at 2:00PM February 13, 2021.

The City of Georgetown issued a disaster declaration on February 14.

A boil water notice was issued for City of Georgetown water customers in the Florence and Liberty Hill areas.

Georgetown, Florence, Liberty Hill, Santa Rita, Northlake, Andice, Berry Creek, and Wolf Ranch neighborhoods have no water. Hwy 183A is closed. Warming stations are open in Round Rock, Georgetown, Cedar Park, and Bartlett. The City of Bartlett has no power. The City of Leander lost their water system. All County offices will be closed.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria Counties)

No reported major crashes or fatalities within district in last 24 hours. All roadways remain open to traffic.

All municipalities returning to normal operations and evaluating Public Assistance (PA) needs.

Many faith-based organizations have opened their doors as warming centers again tonight.

City of Victoria water pressure is increasing and still under a water boil order. Fire fighting capabilities are improving.

Rolling blackouts have ceased within the district. Electrical providers are at 80 percent or better in power restorations. Current outages include damages to lines or system failures at sub-stations. Repairs are ongoing.

Water Boil notice for the following: City of Yoakum, Shiner, Moulton, Port Lavaca, Victoria, Goliad, Gonzales County, Ganado, Point Comfort.

Hospitals are in dire need of Distilled water to provide dialysis for patients. STARS have been entered. Product is not available locally.

TxDOT still facing lack of fuel for deicing operations. They will request fuel through state contract via SOC.

Local agencies are finding what fuel is available commercially. They are close to the point that they will begin requesting fuel from the State. They have been advised to submit a STAR with the amount and type of fuel needed and include quantity to sustain operations.

Many local jurisdictions were able to find generators with local vendor company. Same company has provided tankers of non-potable water and has capability to provide up to 4,000 gals of potable water.

Roadways have cleared off pretty well and dried up, many homes' pipes are unfreezing creating leaks and reducing water pressure for several communities. STARS have been submitted to augment drinking water for residents.

Calhoun County: Calhoun County EMS will not be transporting patients to Victoria hospitals until the weather allows. All patients will go to Memorial Medical Center Hospital.

Suncoast is working on fuel for the warming center in the City of Seadrift.

Calhoun County government offices, Calhoun County ISD, Port Lavaca government offices, and Seadrift government offices will all be closed on Friday, February 19.

DeWitt County: DeWitt County offices, Westhoff ISD, Myersville ISD, Cuero City Offices, Yorktown City Offices, and Nordheim City Offices will be closed on Friday, February 19. Cuero ISD and Yorktown ISD will delayed opening until 10:00 AM, Friday. There was a structure fire in the City of Yorktown. Units were unable to fight the fire with city water due to lack of water pressure and now power to city pumps. The City of Yorktown has issued a Boil Water Notice.

Goliad County: Goliad ISD is closed.

Gonzales County: Gonzales County/City government offices, Nixon government offices, Nixon-Smiley ISD, Smiley government offices, Waelder government offices, and Waelder ISD will be closed on Friday, February 19.

Lavaca County: The City of Moulton issued a boil water notice.

Lavaca County government offices, Ezzell ISD, Hallettsville Sacred Heart School, Shiner Catholic Schools, Vysehrad ISD, Hallettsville government offices, Hallettsville ISD, Moulton government offices, Moulton ISD, Shiner government offices, and Shiner ISD will be closed on Friday, February 19.

Jackson County: Jackson County government offices, Edna government offices, Edna ISD, Ganado government offices, and Ganado ISD will be closed on Friday, February 19.

Victoria County: The City of Victoria has lost all water pressure. Victoria County offices will be closed Friday, February 19.

DDC 18A – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr and Medina Counties)

Bandera County: Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Lake Medina Shores water system, Public Water System ID No. 0100037, located in Bandera County

Bexar County: SAWS issued a voluntary boil water notice on Wednesday due to low water pressure and said that only water used for drinking needed to be boiled. Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Coolcrest Water System, Public Water System ID No. 0150046.

East Central Special Utility District has experienced water outages and distribution pressures below minimum standards and has issued a Boil Water Notice.

Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Stage Coach Hills water system, Public Water System ID No. 0150019.

Comal County: New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) public water system (PWS TX0460001) has issued a Boil Water Notice for all customers.

Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Rim Rock Ranch water system, Public Water System ID No. 0460211.

Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Windmill Ranch Subdivision water system, Public Water System ID No. 0460221.

The City of Schertz issued a disaster declaration on February 16.

Gillespie County: Monarch Utilities has issued a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Oakview Water System, Public Water System ID No. 0860107.

Guadalupe County: Green Valley Special Utility District has issued a boil water notice for all customers.

Hays County: City of San Marcos has issued a boil water advisory for all city of San Marcos water customers.

Kerr County: City of Kerrville's Water System (ID No. 133001) has issued a Boil Water Notice for all customers.

Monarch Utilities has announced a Boil Water Notice for customers in the Center Point Water System, Public Water System ID No. 1330007.

Monarch Utilities has announced a Boil Water Notice for our customers in the Hills & Dales Water System, Public Water System ID No. 1330030. Due to repeated power outages the system is unable to keep up with demand. Bacteriological samples will be collected as soon as conditions improve, and the utility would cancel the Boil Water Notice at that time. This notice affects all 73 customers.

City of Castroville Public Works crew is working at the Medina Valley Well and Well #3 to repair frozen chlorine lines and pipe fittings. Cross Hill Tank has no power. The River Bluff booster station has frozen and is unable to deliver water.

The City of Devine City Hall and the City of Natalia City Hall will be closed Thursday, February 18. A "Boil Water Notice" was issued for the City of Devine due to no water or low water pressure.

DDC 18B – ARCC/Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen, and Wilson Counties)

Atascosa County:

City of Lytle: The city advised residents to boil water for consumption as a precaution.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties)

TxDOT and local officials are reporting no significant roadway issues. All major roadways are open and unobstructed to travel. Some county rural roadways may have icy patches. TxDOT will continue to monitor roadway conditions within the district.

Bell County: Killeen Fire Department continues to respond to numerous wrecks, stranded vehicles, and water pipes bursting. Killeen Police Department continues to respond to numerous wrecks, stranded vehicles, and provide security at the two

shelters. Killeen Public Works has issued a Stage 5 Emergency Water Shortage due to electrical issues at the Water Control & Improvement District (WCID) #1 pump stations. Oncor estimates that about 12,000 customers are without power. The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM) is requesting potable water, food assistance for shelters and first responders due to all stores being closed, and 100 tons of sand for roads and emergency vehicle access to hospitals.

Currently major Tier 1 Roadways are impassable. Multiple Emergency Response Vehicles are now stranded along roadways unable to move. Academy FD is out of commission along Hwy 95. Multiple EMS units are also out of commission and stranded along roadways. IH-35 has a major accident causing traffic issues in both directions of travel. In addition, Bell Co. Jail has had intermittent water supply issues to the jail. Multiple Warming shelters and General Population Shelters have been opened. City of Killeen is experiencing a reduction in Fire Fighting Capabilities due to water system failures.

City of Killeen issued a boil water notice.

The City of Temple emergency call center has been set up to help arrange safe transportation assistance to a Temple warming shelter. Residents can call 254-298-5550 for assistance. [City of Temple has reduced the scope of the boil water notice to water customers east of IH-35 and generally north of Loop 363. Multiple water distribution sites have been opened. Temple Police Department Transportation Services will be discontinued on Saturday, February 20.](#)

Coryell County: A boil water notice was issued for the City of Gatesville. City of Gatesville has temporarily repaired the Public Water Supply issue and currently has a potable water supply.

City of Copperas Cove has been working with TDEM to secure generator power to support the Water Treatment Plant. Copperas Cove 911 System is critically close to losing communications capabilities unless additional propane is secured to refuel back-up generator. Work is being done to rectify this request.

Hamilton County: Hamilton Hospital is requesting assistance with transporting critical patients from Hamilton to other hospital systems. City of Hamilton is having electrical issues with Public Water System power outages.

Milam County: There are multiple roadway closures and obstructions throughout the county. Several roads are now impassable due to vehicle accidents.

Mills County: There is a 911 Communications System Outage in Mills County.

San Saba County: There is a 911 Communications System Outage in San Saba County.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas SOC remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff coordinating daily weather calls, processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), preparing Snapshots and the State SITREPs. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the Remote SOC, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources. TDEM has also submitted several requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI Response Center for fuel, water, transportation, ambulances, blankets, generators, and other emergency supplies.

TDEM is working with FEMA and the Department of Defense (DOD) on airlift capabilities to fly in water to area where roads remain impassible and water systems are down.

Texas Propane Gas Association received an Hours of Service waiver from the Texas Department of Public Safety to ensure propane delivery drivers could support the additional calls for propane service to support home heating needs.

Texas Division of Emergency Management - Communication Coordination Group (TDEM-CCG): The Communications Coordination Group has alerted public, private and volunteer sector partners to be on alert for possible communications response due the continued winter weather threatening the state.

TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group (CCG), is monitoring the situation and prepared resources to respond to communications outages. Our partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors daily assess and adjust their resources in accordance with the situation.

As a result of widespread power outages, many communication systems were on backup power systems. However, due to the unprecedented cold temperatures and length of power outages, the backup power systems had begun to fail. The result had impacted cell phone, internet and 911 systems across the state. The weight of the ice has also caused the collapse of several towers located primarily in West Texas. The winter weather has also impacted other areas of the country, resulting in delays in bringing resources into the state.

Power and fuel have been supplied to many of the communications systems across the state. This has resulted in an increase of communications services across the

state. Additional fuel sources are being provided through both public and private sector sources.

Our ESF 2 partners have provided the following support:

Multiple Cell phone providers such as AT&T, Sprint / T-Mobile and Verizon, have been deploying resources such as generators and repair crews into the state to restore cell phone service across the state.

AT&T continues to deploy and stage additional network recovery equipment to support customers and first responders, including SATCOLTs and generators. Service levels are near or at pre-storm levels. They continue to increase backup power resources, conduct assessments and repairs as required to maintain normal service levels.

Sprint / T-Mobile has statewide outages down to a small percentage of its overall customers and are at 99% or greater service in major metro areas. However, there are still some issues in some rural areas. They continue to assess, and make repairs as needed.

Verizon customers are experiencing minimal service outages due to overlapping cell tower coverage. They continue to deploy generators to increase backup power capabilities. Massive refueling operations are continuing to keep generators running as more commercial power comes online.

FEMA Region 6 ESF 2, has been coordinating telecom fuel requirements with the TDEM Logistics section. The coordination has resulted in the delivery of an initial 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel, with plans to deliver an additional 10,000 gallons in the next few days.

Amateur Radio Operators – such as ARES / RACES and other groups, have begun deactivating radio nets and personnel. However, they continue to monitor the situation to be prepared to provide additional support if required.

DPS IOD – Communications - is monitoring and providing frequency, technical and equipment assistance to local jurisdictions experiencing communications outages.

CSEC (Commission State Emer. Comm.): All PSAP / 911 previous outages have been cleared. The issues at the San Angelo Central Office have been cleared. There is currently only on site reporting an issue. Del Rio PD in Val Verde County is experiencing issues and efforts are being made to correct the issue. 911 calls are being re-route to Uvalde PD and transferred back to Val Verde PD on a 10-digit phone line.

Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB): Monitoring the status of Local Primary 1&2 (LP1 & LP2) broadcasting stations that are or may experience service

interruptions because of the storm. TAB is currently working with TDEM to acquire propane fuel for a radio group in Kerrville, Kerr County.

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Disaster Recovery Task Force (TDEM-DRTF): As of Friday, February 12th the DRTF began 24/7 rotations at the State Operation Center to assist with mass care needs and regional situational awareness for the February 2021 Winter Weather event (21-0003).

- DRTF worked in coordination with TDEM GIS and Recovery Ops to edit and publish the self-reporting IA survey. PA survey is in development for this winter event and will be deployed in the coming days.
- DRTF is coordinating the distribution of commodities acquired through private partner donations to support the TDEM Mass Care mission.
- DRTF is supporting the compilation of warming centers and shelter locations statewide, to include address, hours of operation and contact information. Locations are being identified through social media, media outlets, 2-1-1 database and information sharing.
- TDEM GIS supported the creation of a “Local Warming Centers” dashboard within the WEBEOC Response Common Operating Picture as well as a public facing map displayed on the TDEM website. DRTF will continue to evaluate and update the information daily throughout the event.
- DRTF is in communication with 2-1-1 Resource Coordinator regarding the sharing of intel.
- A folder within SharePoint was created for collection of 21-0013 historical information, communication, and documents.
- Regional Finance Coordinators created a 2-slide power point to provide to all DC’s as a reminder to start tracking expenses for a possible declaration.
- Regional Disaster Finance Coordinators continue to provide guidance to local jurisdictions on cost tracking and DSO submission.
- DRTF Regional Coordinators continue to engage with local jurisdictions and VOADs on resource needs and mass care guidance.
- DRTF assisting in the identification of local resources to meet needs within their communities.
- The DRTF is in contact with local, State and National mission-driven organizations, to include Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) member agencies for situational awareness and monitoring of current and future needs. American Red Cross shelter population of 1,812 (-755) within 30 facilities. The DRTF distributed a winter weather resource guide for distribution to LTRGs and VOADs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): Standing ready to support TDEM, TAHC, and local jurisdictions to provide assistance with livestock sheltering and other issues related to the February weather event. Extension activated one

DAR agent on February 14 to assist TEEX with a delivery of 2,695 blankets from the Lufkin warehouse to Houston TRANSTAR Shelter to support operations.

One DAR agent picked up 780 cases of water from Lowe's and delivered 57 cases to Behavioral Hospital in Houston. A DAR Agent in San Antonio delivered 10 cases of water to a nursing home. DAR Agent in Corpus assisted with water distribution from the RSA.

AgriLife Agent in Johnson County is assisting TDA and TAHC with a STAR request for hay for local livestock producers.

AgriLife Communications has distributed winter weather disaster preparedness and recovery information to news media and on social media. The Texashelp.tamu.edu website has winter storm information related to animals and for a variety of winter-related topics for families and individuals. They have also promoted the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (Texas EDEN) on social media for disaster preparedness information for the public.

Extension personnel are in contact with agency partners, stakeholders, and NGO partners to determine capabilities and respond to post-storm issues. Extension is monitoring status of evacuation hubs for people and animals with TAHC.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Standing by to provide search & rescue assistance as well as personnel to support winter weather operations as needed.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): The Texas A&M Forest Service is currently supporting local agencies, TDEM and TxDOT with winter weather support. [TFS Crews are currently assisting in the West, Northwest, North, East, Central, and South Branches with \(3\) Motor Graders, \(29\) 4x4 Vehicles, \(2\) Short Plans Teams, \(2\) Resource Staging Area Teams, \(1\) Type III Incident Management Team, and \(70\) support personnel. TFS Resources have worked to clear a combined total of over 2,000 miles of roadway, patrolled over 7,000 miles, and completed over 700 assistance operations including critical support operations, welfare checks, motorist assistance, and food/water/personnel transports. Additionally, TFS is working to help fill TIFMAS Resources for City of Galveston, City of Nacogdoches, City of Clute, City of La Marque, and City of Waco.](#)

[The TFS Panhandle Branch resources supporting the TxDOT Amarillo and Childress Districts have been demobilized by TxDOT as of end of shift 2/18. All panhandle resources continue to stand by.](#)

[The TFS West Branch resources have been released from Junction and San Angelo, and will be reassigned to assist TxDOT in Crockett County. Crews will assist along with snow plows in clearing sections of IH10. Fort Stockton resources continue to stand by.](#)

The TFS Northwest Branch Burkburnett resources continue support for DDC 3. Burkburnett resources today patrolled 500 miles and assisted a total of 10 vehicles. Crew also delivered 19 cases of anti-gel to the local municipalities in Foard, Cottle, Hardeman, and Wilbarger Counties. Brownwood resources continue IMT support to City of Coleman with resource tracking and producing incident action plans. The need to continue IMT support for Coleman County will be accessed within coming days as incident needs stabilize.

The TFS North Branch is continuing to support DDC 4A and DDC 4B. Crews have been manning two PODs distributing water in west Ft. Worth, including: 2493 cases of water and 885 Gallon Jugs of Water. TFS North Branch personnel from McGregor delivered potable water and meals to Milam County, including: (4) pallets of MREs – equivalent to 1,920 total meals. TFS and TIFMAS resources are providing critical water to support fire suppression in the City of Waco until water systems can be sufficiently restored.

The TFS East Branch is currently supporting incident management assistance with a short Planning Section Team for Incident Action Plan development and Situation Reports for a DDC 5, 6, and 14 as well as a Type 3 Incident Management Team in support of DDC4B. Resources in the branch assisted (11) stranded motorists, provided access assistance for (2) EMS calls, delivered (4) pallets of water delivered to support shelter operations, and have been fielding numerous requests for assistance from departments.

The TFS Central Branch resources continued to support TxDOT Waco District with motor grader operations in Williamson County in and around Round Rock and Georgetown with 4 personnel. Final blading operations were completed at end of shift and were demobilized by TxDOT, thanks to improving weather conditions. (4) personnel will be supporting the RSA in Seguin until such time as they can transition with an in-bound out-of-state Type 3 Incident Management Team.

The TFS South Branch is supporting the Fredericksburg Fire Department, conducting welfare checks and supporting other needs in coordination with the Gillespie County EOC. South Branch. TFS have completed multiple missions for fueling, chainsaw operations to clear right of ways, delivery of MRE's, distribution of water, vehicle assists, welfare checks. Resources continue to support Uvalde, Zavalla, and Zapata counties' fire departments whose equipment was damaged by freezing conditions, such that they are not able to provide response service to the community. Resources conducted (23) Water delivery missions, (8) Food/MRE deliveries, (33) fueling operations to sustain generator operations, (2) Medical deliveries for care, assisted (10) stranded motorists/vehicle off road recoveries, (78) welfare checks, provision of transportation to shelters and firewood to local residents.

TFS personnel are supporting (2) Resource Staging Areas, one in Fort Worth and one in Seguin. The Fort Worth RSA currently has (7) personnel supporting. The

Seguin RSA (8) personnel will be in place and assisting as of beginning of dayshift, February 20, 2021.

(5) TFS/ESF 4 Representatives are currently assigned to the State Operations Center for resource mobilization, coordination, and logistical support.

The TFS EOC is currently working with TIFMAS Branch Coordinators to fill STARS for:

City of Galveston ((4) Water Tenders and Crew (3 Filled))

City of Waco ((3) Water Tenders and Crew (2 Filled))

City of Clute ((4) Water Tenders and Crew (1 Filled))

City of Nacogdoches ((1) Water Tender and Crew))

City of La Marque ((1) Water Tender and Crew))

City of Center ((1) Water Tender and Crew))

Chainsaw Modules to City of Rosebud, TX ((3) Saw Modules))

Requests from the Bastrop County, Zapata County, Village Fire, City of Garland, Galveston County's - University of Texas Health Medical Branch were cancelled because the need was met with sufficient restoration of local water systems.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): Monitoring and communicating with power providers as well as tracking power outages due to winter weather. ERCOT has issued an Operating Condition Notice (OCN) for the potential extreme cold weather which will run from February 11 through February 16.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): The Texas Animal Health Commission is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving weather incident. The TAHC is activated to the SOC, is monitoring weather calls, and is coordinating with TAHC Regional Offices and animal response partners at the local, state, and federal level for support of local jurisdictions. Coordination communications have occurred with ESF-11 partners regarding potential hay/feed or other livestock-related support following the storm. Some feed stores and other agriculture infrastructure are beginning to get back online, but stock may be low due to transportation delays and high demand. All partners have indicated no unmet needs at this time but are working to prepare for anticipated issues. TAHC staff remain on standby for response to any animal issues which may arise. Rolling energy brownouts and storm damages are continuing to impact both TAHC staff and animal stakeholders. Several reports of animal shelters dealing with outages and leaky or burst pipes have been received but handled locally. Local producers are also frustrated by gas shortages or inactive pumps, which is affecting the ability for ranchers to feed animals or resupply. All ESF-11 partners are working to maintain contact and situational awareness of any concerns related to these issues.

Impacts to the animal agricultural industry are continuing to be reported. Gas curtailments and electricity outages are [continuing to impact](#) processing plants, which has cascading impact on the milk and meat-animal production industries. Heavy snow in Northeast Texas has caused [15](#) poultry barn collapses [affecting](#)

approximately 240,000 chickens, which are being handled by the companies. Reports of milk, beef, and poultry impacts have been received. Livestock markets across the state are slowly getting back online, but anticipate business remaining slow this week. The TAHC is holding calls with industry partners to determine the extent of impacts and what possible relief or mitigation may be supported by state and federal partners, as appropriate.

TAHC is receiving reports of local death losses across species and is prepared to support carcass disposal activities as necessary. TAHC is working with AgriLife and other partners to gather data on agriculture impacts across the state.

For stray livestock or down fences, residents can contact their local Sheriff's Department. For animals in need of medical assistance, contact a local veterinarian. Animal carcasses found in public areas or rights-of-way should be reported to the local county Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has programs that provide assistance to rural communities, farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses affected by the recent winter storms. USDA staff in the regional, state, and county offices are prepared with a variety of flexible programs and other assistance to residents and agricultural producers in impacted communities.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) helps agricultural producers locate hay supplies. If you need hay or would like to donate hay, visit the Hay Hotline website.

Animal owners are advised to contact their local authorities to learn more about open animal shelters in their area.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Due to the treacherous road conditions, most Vaccine clinics scheduled for the week in the PHRs have been canceled and/or postponed.

State Medical Operations Center (SMOC):

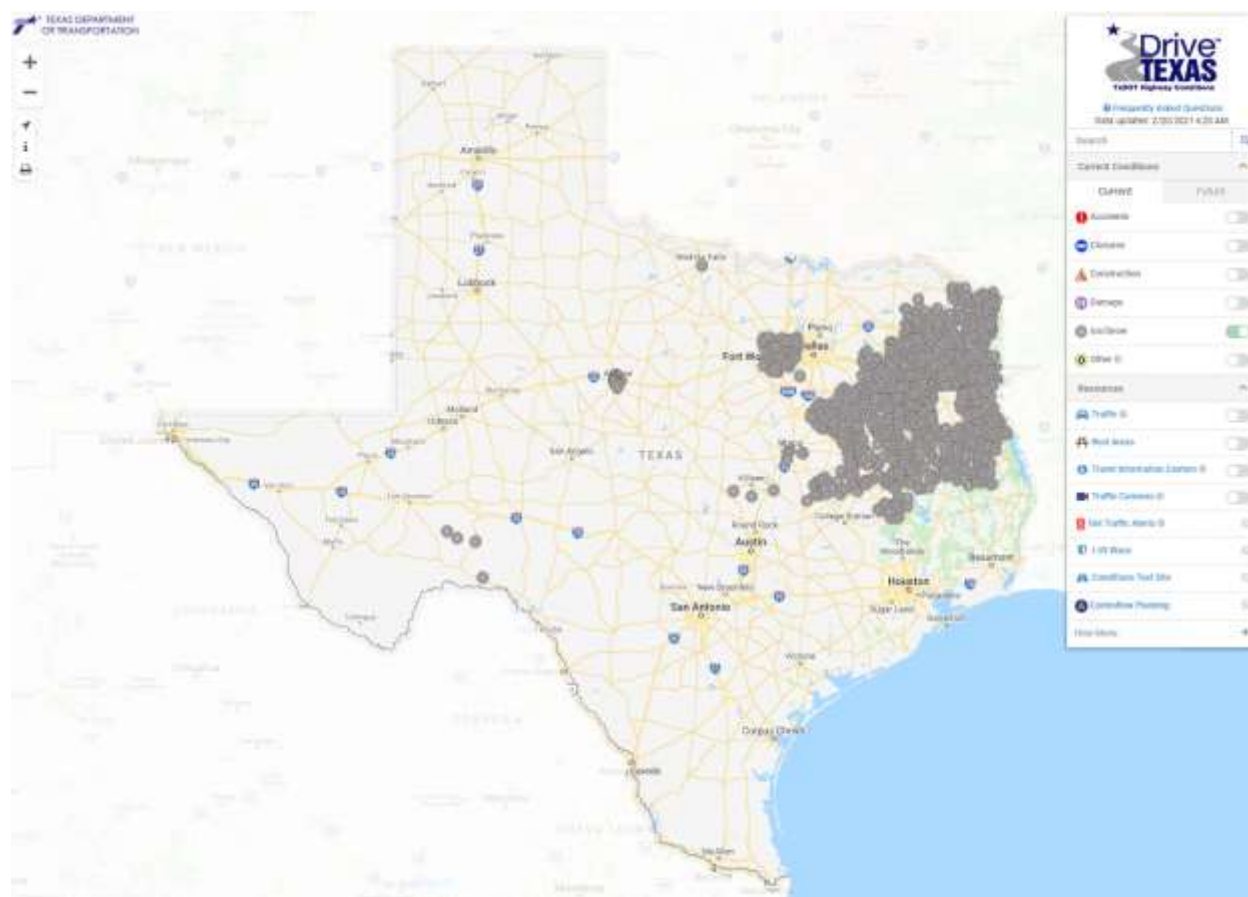
- SMOC is working closely with its partners to ensure resources reach the locals. Multiple resources have been deployed to regions including staffing/teams and items.
- SMOC has been conducting calls with the Public Health Regions and the Hospital Preparedness Providers to address the needs of the regions.
- DSHS SMOC Healthcare Branch has been in contact with all 8 HPPs and has shared the urgent concerns to SMOC Command of power outages, water shut offs and other emergencies in the healthcare facilities.
- A total of four Federal RRFs for ambulances, dialysis support, oxygen and water have been submitted to address the concerns of the state.

- DSHS worked with TDEM to submit an RRF on behalf of San Antonio to use their VA hospital for dialysis support.
- DSHS worked with TDEM to submit an RRF for 2,100 additional oxygen cylinders and regulators on February 18.
- DSHS worked with TDEM to submit an RRF for 50 ALS Ambulances on February 18 to be deployed to Arlington, Houston, and Austin/San Antonio area.
- DSHS coordinated with TDEM on hospital hookups for water deliveries.
- EMTF has been conducting AMBUS missions for the past three days totaling 23 missions with 333 persons relocated/transported.
- DSHS is supporting one Nursing Home in Live Oak County and two Dialysis Facilities in Cameron County with generator support.
- DSHS is continuing to support Harris County with a refrigerated trailer for decedent storage for this winter event and Disaster Portable Morgue Unit partitions.
- One of the major resources currently being requested is oxygen. DSHS has delivered 403 oxygen cylinders to SETRAC and 119 oxygen cylinders to CATRAC over the last three days. 305 additional cylinders are scheduled for delivery to STRAC and SETRAC today.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): In response to snow and ice TxDOT is performing winter weather operations by pretreating and treating roads.

- There are currently 1,084 locations on state roadways that are impacted by Snow/Ice with four road closures due to icy conditions.
- Some areas of the state have experienced re-freeze conditions as the snow and ice have melted and then re-froze when temps dropped again.
- All districts and EOCs are currently operating 24 hours a day and will continue working this schedule through the duration of this event.
- TxDOT is working winter operations in all 25 districts as each district had impacts of winter weather. 5,292 TxDOT employees, 360 contractors and 3,427 pieces of equipment were directly involved in winter weather operations across the state Thursday, February 18.
- Contract and County forces are also being utilized providing operators and motor graders to assist in plowing roadways in districts across the state. Rental motor graders are also being utilized by TxDOT forces.
- TFS motor graders and support crews continue to support road clearing operations across the state.
- There has been coordination with the Public Utility Commission, TDEM fuel vendor, and local governments to prioritize routes and clear routes to critical infrastructure.
- TxDOT is utilizing their permanent digital message boards to display advisory of the weather conditions to the traveling public.
- TxDOT offices across the state are working with other state agencies to help with their fueling for vehicles and equipment at TxDOT offices across the state.

- Roadway conditions have been steadily improving across the state as temperatures rise above freezing.
- TxDOT is currently staffing the SOC 24 hours a day through the duration of this event.
- STARs are being processed as they are received.



Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Texas DPS has prepared statewide resources to appropriately respond to this severe weather event. All Texas Highway Patrol (THP) troopers are fully prepared to respond as conditions dictate. Some areas already impacted by the severe weather are ensuring 24-hour trooper coverage. THP Disaster District Chairs are communicating with TxDOT, TDEM, and TPWD to discuss emergency response plans. The Northwest, North, West, and Southeast Texas regions are coordinating with state police partners from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana to ensure prompt responses to potential interstate highway issues. Texas DPS has troopers and equipment responding statewide to events in areas adversely affected by the winter weather event.

All assigned THP troopers are actively investigating crashes and assisting stranded motorists around the clock since the start of the winter weather event. Troopers are clearing traffic and continue to patrol and monitor the affected areas. THP is

working closely with state partners TxDOT, TDEM, TFS, TPWD and TMD during this event. THP personnel are ready to assist with request for assistance.

North Texas DDCs assisted with the coordination and delivery of blood, fuel, cots, relocation of nursing home residents, and provided critical fuel to first responders.

Central Texas Troopers escorted crucial diesel fuel deliveries to prevent potentially catastrophic manufacturing system failures. Assisted local law enforcement agencies with crash investigations and weather-related traffic issues. Troopers assisted stranded motorists. Central Texas Troopers and Capitol Troopers provided crucial transportation for persons involved in the direct support of Texas' critical infrastructure.

DDC Garland coordinated fuel to a company to ensure mission-critical data centers supporting oil and gas, energy, utilities, health care, aerospace and defense, banking, insurance, travel, and other sectors throughout Texas and the United States.

The Dallas THP district rescued approximately 70 motorists. Troopers escorted two truck tractor semi-trailers of water from Fort Worth to Texoma Medical Center and assisted with off-loading. This water delivery prevented 280 patients from needing to be moved to other facilities.

DDC Tyler coordinated with the Brookshire's warehouse for the distribution of cots, blankets, and water to local jurisdictions.

Southeast Texas DDCs continue to assist TxDOT in clearing and maintaining roads. Troopers checked carious areas typically occupied by homeless persons to see if assistance was needed.

Central Texas troopers escorted crucial diesel fuel deliveries to prevent potentially catastrophic manufacturing system failures.

West Texas troopers assisted TxDOT with traffic flow issues caused by snow and ice on IH-10 near Ozona where traffic was estimated to be backed up over ten miles.

Central Texas troopers assisted the Travis County Sheriff's Office with answering call for service due to high call volumes. A trooper also transported critical human blood platelets from Baylor Scott and White in Temple to Baylor Scott and White-Hillcrest in Waco. A San Saba trooper, on his own time and beyond the call of duty, delivered 250 gallons of drinking water from his personal well to the San Saba Sheriff's Office so local citizens would have access to drinking water.

THP troopers investigated 2,224 crashes, with 547 injuries and 23 fatalities, and assisted 1,221 motorists across all Regions from February 11 through February 18.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD will support Texas Highway Patrol, Texas Parks and Wildlife Division, and TxDOT in protecting life and property during events of winter weather in Texas. TMD has deployed [424](#) personnel, 34 vehicles and [8 aircraft](#) to Amarillo, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Waco, Dallas/Fort Worth and Tyler to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks. TMD has conducted [787](#) personnel assists, three rescues, [103 evacuations](#), [10 pet/animal evacuations](#), [assisted three families](#), [distributed 15,892 cases of water](#), and has towed nine vehicles. TMD has activated personnel to support Warming Centers in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Missouri City and Nacogdoches. TMD has activated an Air Operation Center and two Airlift MRPs in Austin. TMD has activated a Rotary Wing Mixed MRP with Rotary Winged Aircraft staged in Austin, San Antonio, and Grande Prairie. TMD has mobilized [17](#) Military District Coordinators (MDC) for all districts in the state.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared resources for this winter weather event consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers. Also, TPWD has specialized equipment and resources available to support requests including our Aviation, UAS, and K9. TPWD is continuing to be advised of the current weather conditions and are maintaining a state of readiness. [TPWD has completed 5 rescues, 9 evacuations, 236 welfare checks and 3 animal rescues/evacuations to date.](#)

- Game Wardens and Park Police Officers continue to patrol in areas affected by the winter weather and are working in conjunction with Texas DPS Troopers and other first responders assisting stranded motorists and traffic control due to weather conditions.
- TPWD has personal staffing the Remote SOC during a 24hr activation and is communicating with TxDOT, TDEM, Texas DPS, TMD and other agency representatives to discuss response plans and needs for support.
- [Harrison County Game Wardens assisted DPS with the removal of approximately 40-50 passenger cars from the gridlocked interstate I-20 along the state line. Officers also contacted approximately 50 other motorists to check welfare.](#)
- [Wood County Game Warden was notified of a vehicle that had veered off the roadway and into Lake Fork. The vehicle was submerged in ten feet of water. First responders were able to retrieve the vehicle in very harsh conditions. Two victims were located inside the vehicle deceased.](#)
- [Game Wardens in Gonzales assisted with multiple checks for welfare and assisted motorists.](#)
- [Game Wardens in Brownwood delivered firewood to two families that were out of electricity and were out of wood for their fireplace.](#)
- [Hood County – Game Wardens assisted with bottled water dispersal throughout the county. They were able to deliver 34 cases of water to the neighborhood of Blue Water shores and 21 cases to the neighborhood of Montego Bay.](#)
- [Bosque and Falls Counties – Game Wardens delivered several truckloads of water to areas in need around the county.](#)

- Graham – Game Wardens were requested by dispatch to help retrieve a dog that was stuck in the ice on the surface of Lake Graham. The Game Warden grabbed his boat, a Graham PD officer, another first responder on scene. They successfully made it to the dog and broke up the ice on the surface with his boat, and they eventually rescued the dog. Meanwhile, an Animal Control Officer on scene had also fallen into the lake and was in freezing water for around 5 minutes. She was also successfully rescued by other responders near the shore. After both the ACO and dog were rescued they are recovering and seem to be doing well.
- Caldwell County - Game Wardens assisted the Caldwell County Office of Emergency Management and helped distribute 760 cases of bottled water to Caldwell County residents.
- Deaf Smith County – Game Wardens assisted with the rescue of a Golden Eagle that was struggling in the freezing temperatures. The Game Warden transported the eagle to a rehabber in Amarillo. Game Wardens continue to assist with welfare checks and traffic control.
- Chillicothe – A Game Warden located a water line from a tower that had burst and assisted the city in getting to it for repair. Wardens are continuing to assist local agencies when needed.
- Decatur – A Game Warden assisted with a pelican rescue. They also continue assist other agencies with stranded motorists and traffic control in areas that were iced over.
- Anderson County – 10 calls to assist other agencies were received due to severe conditions in some rural areas of the county. 29 public assists were encountered. These ranged from motorist assists to trying to help locate fuel and food items for those in need. Numerous known elderly citizens were checked on during the event and checks are continuing in areas without power, water, etc. Game Wardens responded to several local calls for service, mainly in remote areas needing 4X4 capabilities.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): Monitoring and communicating with power providers as well as tracking power outages due to winter weather. ERCOT has issued an Operating Condition Notice (OCN) for the potential of extreme cold weather which will run from February 11 through February 16.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ is currently tracking issues concerning drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities across the state.

Drinking Water Systems (as of 10:45 am)

- 262 are not operational
- 179 are partially operational

- 1,119 systems are under a Boil Water Notice serving a population of 14.494 million.
- 6 Boil Water Notices have been rescinded

Wastewater Facilities (as of 10:45 am)

- 16 are not operational
- 25 are partially operational

TCEQ will continue to provide technical assistance to these systems until they can return to normal operations. TCEQ is reaching out to approximately 92 Accredited Drinking Water Labs qualified for bacteriological samples to see if they are operational and available to analyze samples.

Ambient Monitoring Stations: 36 air monitoring stations statewide remain offline due to power and/or communication related issue. The number of monitoring stations reporting data will fluctuate as areas gain and lose electricity. Once power restoration has been confirmed, staff will visit sites as travel conditions allow.

Consistent with the Governor's Proclamation of February 12, 2021, the TCEQ requested written approval for the suspension of the rules that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions needed to respond to the severe winter weather event. A full list may be found at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/temporary-suspension-of-rules-due-to-severe-weather>.

TCEQ has created a Severe Cold Weather Event Response webpage to provide assistance at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/temporary-suspension-of-rules-due-to-severe-weather>.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD):

American Red Cross (ARC):

Public Facing Messaging

ARC continues to support preparedness messaging to the public including winter storm safety, pet safety, water safety, and emergency supplies.

North Texas Region: [Facebook](#)

Central and South Texas Region: [Facebook](#)

Texas Gulf Coast Region: [Facebook](#)

Mass Care-Sheltering and Warming Centers

ARC teams have been working actively with local jurisdictions to support Warming Centers or Temporary Evacuation Sites. Subject to availability ARC can provide PPE, cots, blankets, comfort kits, and shelter supplies.

Overnight congregate shelter population: 2,567 at 44 facilities

Non-Congregate Overnight Shelter Population: 48 people in 16 hotel rooms, in 5 hotels

Mass Care-Feeding

We've provided 1130 meals to date*

Mass Care-Distribution of Emergency Supplies

- Distributed 2,690 relief items to the community*
- Supplied 21 pallets of drinking water to Galveston County
- Supplied 22 pallets of drinking water to Comfort, TX Fire Station
- Supported Corpus Christi by procuring 20 pallets of drinking water through a partner

Disaster Health Services

ARC's team of health professionals are activated providing medical support to 107 clients to date.

Coordination with Government Partners

ARC is partnering with our government officials virtually at EOC locations in affected counties, State and FEMA Region 6.

Infrastructure

Shelters/Warming Centers Activated:

Region	# Reported
1	116
2	66
3	23
4	10
5	51
6	104
Total	370

Power Outages: Source Eagle-I as of 6:30 AM

Region	# Affected
Region 1	12,280
Region 2	27,802
Region 3	3,979
Region 4	721
Region 5	109
Region 6	35,127
Grand Total	80,018

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	10	6	Available	TxDOT Childress District
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	8	5	Available	TxDOT Amarillo District
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	7	3	Assigned	Coke/Kimble/Kerr/Menard/Tom Green Counties
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	2	2	Assigned	TxDOT San Angelo District
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	11	6	Assigned	DDC 7
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	8	4	Assigned	DDC 3
TAMUS TFS	Delivery Drivers	9	5	Assigned	DDC 4A
TAMUS TFS	Short Plans Team	4		Assigned	DDC 5 & 6
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	4	3	Assigned	TxDOT Waco District
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	1	1		Uvalde and Zavala Counties
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support Crew	7	6	Assigned	Gillespie County
TAMUS TFS	RSA Support Team	6		Assigned	Fort Worth
TAMUS TFS	IMT Short Team	3		Assigned	Coleman County / City of Coleman
TAMUS TFS	IMT Type III	4		Assigned	DDC 14
TAMUS TFS	ESF 4 Representatives	4		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TAMUS TFS	Saw Squads	25		Available	Statewide
TAMUS TFS	Winter Weather Support		30	Available	Statewide
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	Austin
TAHC	Office Staff	6		Available	Virtual
TAHC	Regional Mgmt.	18		Available	Statewide
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin

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TPWD	DDC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Garland
TPWD	Game Wardens	432	432	Assigned	Statewide
TPWD	Park Police Officers	90	90	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	Aircraft	2	1	Activated	Austin
TPWD	UAS Team	50	50	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	K9 Team	9	9	Activated	Statewide
TMD	Winter Weather Package	18	6	Assigned	Amarillo
TMD	Winter Weather Package	18	6	Assigned	Wichita Falls
TMD	Winter Weather Package	16	6	Assigned	Dallas/Fort Worth
TMD	Winter Weather Package	16	5	Assigned	Abilene
TMD	Winter Weather Package	16	6	Assigned	Waco
TMD	Winter Weather Package	9	5	Assigned	Tyler
TMD	TMD Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	DDC Hurst
TMD	TMD Military District Coordinator	17		Assigned	Statewide
TMD	Warming Center Support	81		Activated	Dallas/Ft Worth
TMD	Warming Center Support	65		Activated	Austin/San Antonio
TMD	Warming Center Support	43		Activated	Houston
TMD	JOC LNO's	4		Assigned	Various
TMD	Warming Center Support	20		Assigned	GRB-Houston
TMD	Warming Center Support	0		Activated	Nacogdoches
TMD	Air Operation Center	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Air Lift MRPs 2X	54	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	Warming Center Support	12		Assigned	Missouri City
TMD	Rotary Wing Mixed	11	2	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Mixed	11	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Mixed	11	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	2	2	Activated	Austin
TXDPS	THP Troopers and Vehicles	2,211	2,211	Assigned	Statewide

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TXDPS	THP Troopers and Vehicles	1,089	1,089	Activated	Statewide
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	4		Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Resources	5,292	3,427	Assigned	Statewide
TxDOT	Contractors	360		Assigned	Statewide
Texas Agrilife	SOC liaison	1		Assigned	Austin
Texas Agrilife	Administration	2		Assigned	College Station
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin – RSOC
TPWD	DDC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Garland
TPWD	Game Wardens	432	432	Assigned	Statewide
TPWD	Park Police Officers	90	90	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	Aircraft	2	1	Activated	Austin
TPWD	UAS Team	50	50	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	TPWD K9 Team	9	9	Activated	Statewide

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>*

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